

1 exception of Tommy D'Alessandro, and some two or three
2 members of the House of Delegates, some of which are in
3 this body, everyone else stated that they thought that
4 the present system was the best system.

5 Now, Mr. President, if we are not going to listen
6 to the witnesses and the preponderance of evidence is for
7 the two-house system, then for what reason do we have
8 testimony?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Malkus, you have one-half
10 minute.

11 DELEGATE MALKUS: Thank you, sir.

12 I would like to bring the attention of this body
13 that bicameralism had its birth in the British Parliament
14 in the 14th Century, and has continued since that time.
15 Bicameralism came into being in Maryland in 1650, and has
16 been with us since that time. No one except those that speak
17 in theory in my opinion have given a reason as to why we need
18 to change now.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

20 DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I yield five minutes
21 to Delegate Gill.